

**BUTTE COUNTY SPECIALIZED CARE RATE STRUCTURE**

<b>Level 1: MILD</b> Can be readily controlled with specialized intervention		<b>Level 2: MODERATE</b> is difficult to control but will respond to sustained specialized intervention	<b>Level 3: SEVERE</b> Requires almost continuous specialized Intervention
<b>Age Group:</b>		<b>California Base Rate (CBR):</b>	<b>Specialized Care Rates:</b>
<b>0 – 4</b>		<b>\$446</b>	Level 1: CBR + \$202
<b>5 – 8</b>		<b>\$485</b>	Level 2: CBR + \$360
<b>9 – 11</b>		<b>\$519</b>	Level 3: CBR + \$721
<b>12 – 14</b>		<b>\$573</b>	Level 4: CBR + \$991
<b>15 – 18</b>		<b>\$627</b>	(Level 4 not used in 1st year) Effective: January 01, 2008

The criteria for determining a Specialized Care Rate:

1. The child's special health and/or behavioral needs
2. The primary caretaker's completion of required training relating to the child's needs and the assessed SCR, or
3. Certification by the Licensing Worker that the primary caretaker's knowledge and experience is sufficient to meet the child's needs.

**CARETAKER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:****Level 1: 20 hours**

To qualify as a Level 1 foster parent, 20 hours of foster parent education pertaining to the age of the children to be placed will be required, in addition to the 12 hours of pre-service instruction required for licensure.

**Level 2: 40 hours****Level 3: 40 hours**

To qualify for placement Levels 2 and 3, 40 hours of foster parent education pertaining to the age of the children to be placed will be required, in addition to the 12 hours of pre-service instruction required for licensure.

Foster parents/relatives wishing to care for children birth to 60 months at levels 2 and 3 are required to take the Options for Recovery training offered by Butte County

Those wishing to care for special needs children ages 60 months to 18 years at Levels 2 and 3 will be required to complete the 34 hour training offered through the Butte College Kinship and Foster Care Education Program entitled, "Rebuilding Children's Lives, a Blueprint for Treatment Foster Parents", plus an additional 6 hours of study based on the specific needs of the children in their care. Additional curriculum from "The Parent Project" will be incorporated into the training for foster homes wishing to prepare themselves to accept Probation wards at Levels 2 and 3.

**Level 4: 40 hours + required specialized training**

A minimum of twenty (20) hours per year of on-going continuing education will be required of all foster parents receiving Specialized Care Rates, Levels 1 through 4.

SCR Caretakers will also be required to attend bimonthly family support group meetings